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Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 52/104 of 12 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2003.

2. By its decision 53/305 of 29 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/55/389, para. 4), extended the term of office of Mrs. Sadako Ogata as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two years, beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

3. In conformity with the procedure established by paragraph 13 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that it elect Mr. Ruud Lubbers (Netherlands) as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 2001 and ending on 31 December 2003.

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